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SUBJECT: PRE-IG REVIEW OF SURINAM CASP

1. PRE-IG MET ON MARCH 30 TO REVIEW SURINAM CASP. EMBASSY IS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON WELL WRITTEN DOCUMENT. ALL ISSUES WERE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY, AND PRE-TG CONCLUDED THEREFORE, THAT NO FORMAL IG REVIEW NECESSARY. PROPOSED DECISION MEMORANDUM AND CASP, TOGETHER WITH TEXTUAL REVISIONS, WILL NOW BE CIRCULATED TO IG MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL.

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2. FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES WERE RECOMMENDED:

(A) SECOND AND LAST PARAGRAPHS ON PAGE 8, DEALING WITH THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SDAF, WILL BE REDRAFTED AND REPLACED WITH LANGUAGE SUGGESTING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING, AS DESCRIBED IN AID CIRCULAR A-635 NOVEMBER 12, 1975 AND USE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE EXECUTIVE CORPS. (AID CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION ALREADY SENT FORWARD FOR FY 1977 WITHOUT PROVISION FOR ANY BILATERAL ASSISTANCE - INCLUDING SDAF - FOR SURINAM GIVEN DUTCH AID AND RELATIVELY HIGH PER CAPITA INCOME. IN ADDITION, WE ARE CONSIDERING PROPOSING FOR THE AID FY 1978 BUDGET (OCTOBER 1, 1977 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1978) A REGIONAL TRAINING PROJECT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN AREA PLUS SURINAM. SUCH A PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS. AT PRESENT WE CONSIDER THAT A NEED MIGHT EXIST FOR PUBLIC SECTOR TRAINING IN SUCH AREAS AS EDUCATIONAL PLANNING, TRAINING OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE LEADERS AND OTHERS IN POSITION TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES LEADING TO BETTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE FOR SURINAM.

(B) PRE-IG RECOMMENDED REDUCING CU RESOURCE ESTIMATES APPEARING UNDER OBJECTIVE 2, FY 78 ON PAGE 11 FROM DOLS. 16,000 TO DOLS. 4,000. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT CASP RECOMMENDATION AND AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON, CU WILL CONSIDER A LARGER ALLOCATION FOR FY 77 AND FY 78 IF JUSTIFIED BY SURINAM'S COUNTRY PLAN FOR THOSE YEARS.

(C) PRE-IG NOTED PROPOSAL (ANNEX B PAGE 1) TO ABOLISH PAO POSITION IN GEORGETOWN AND TO UTILIZE IT BY ESTABLISHING A PAO POSITION IN PARAMARIBO. WHILE SYMPATHETIC TO THIS PROPOSAL, PRE-IG COULD NOT APPROVE IT. SUCH REALIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL WOULD CONSTITUTE THE OPENING OF A NEW POST BY USIA, AND BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY REASONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS THIS CANNOT BE DONE DURING THE CASP TIME FRAME. HOWEVER, THE PROPOSAL WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

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IN MIND FOR POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE FUTURE.

(D) PRE-IG RECOMMENDED REDRAFTING OF FIRST SENTENCE IN FIRST FULL PARAGRAPH, PAGE 8 TO REFLECT VIEW THAT SURINAMERS SHOULD LOOK TO THE NETHERLANDS FIRST AS THEIR MAJOR SOURCE OF ARMS EQUIPMENT.

(E) PRE-IG RECOMMENDED DELETION OF THIRD SENTENCE SECOND FULL PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 10 AND SECOND SENTENCE FIRST FULL PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 12. RATIONALE FOR THIS DECISION WAS BASED ON CONVICTION THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE STANCE IN SURINAM.

3. ADDITIONAL MINOR TEXTUAL CHANGES WERE ALSO APPROVED BY PRE-IG AND WILL BE INCORPORATED IN FINAL VERSION OF CASP. KISSINGER

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